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## ALMA DEFEATED MICHIGAN AGGIES

Brewer's Farmer Eleven Was No  
Match For Coach Helmer's  
Fighting Presbyterians.

## ALMA IS BETTER ALL AROUND

Brilliant Forward Passes Brought the  
Winning Touchdown After Aggies  
Tied the Score.

Playing a stellar game of football the Alma college team pulled off the greatest victory of all time Saturday by walloping the Michigan Aggies on their own field by a score of 14 to 7 in a game featured by the decisive way in which the Maroon and Cream outplayed the Farmers in every department and in every stage of the game. Captain Foote, with his usual luck won the toss, and Alma kicked to the Farmers. Momentarily, after the kick-off the Maroon and Cream warriors seemed to suffer from a slight attack of stage fright but quickly settled themselves after the Aggies had a first down. Bergman fumbled the ball on the twenty-five yard line and the giant fullback Mills charged down and running at top speed picked up the oval and tumbled on down the field and over the goal, with the entire M. A. C. team at his heels. He planted the ball square behind the Aggie goal posts and Narrance followed the touchdown by sending the ball sailing between the uprights for the added goal. Score: Alma 7, M. A. C. 0.

Through the balance of the quarter the teams battled on nearly even terms, with Alma dumping the Farmers so consistently that they were frequently forced to punt. The blocking and tackling of the Maroon and Cream fighters was of the highest order, and not a fan who attended the game, but what was greatly surprised and highly elated at the way Helmer's men went at the Aggies.

The quarter ended with the ball well into M. A. C. territory, being near the thirty-five yard line, when the time was called.

In the second quarter Alma held the Farmers on downs, and taking the ball smashed through the M. A. C. defense, Mills starring in great style at this time, smashing through the Aggie defense for yards at a time, and never once being held without a gain. Far into Aggie territory Alma was held for downs. The Farmers with numerous line plunges carried ball back to the center of the field, where Alma held and forced the Brewer men to punt. With three men on him Helmer pulled the lone mistake of the day. He attempted to catch the punt instead of allowing it to roll safe. He fumbled and Hammes grabbed the leather and carried it almost to the goal, before Narrance and Mills brought him to earth. Three snatches and the couple yards were eaten up and Hammes placed the ball just on the goal for the Aggies count. Hammes added another point by kicking goal. Score: Alma 7, M. A. C. 7.

Alma kicked to M. A. C. again, and then proceeded to hold the Aggies for downs near the thirty yard line. A string of forward passes was opened up by halfback Smith, the passes going from Smith to Richards and Smith to Narrance, which completely mystified the Farmers. They were passed of the highest grade and only one out of five attempted at this time was broken up by the fighting Aggies. Smith passed to Richards for ten yards. Another brilliant pass went to Richards setting another ten yards. A pass to Richards failed and then a pass to Smith to Narrance brought ten yards more. Smith passed to Richards again, and with three men on him, Richards pulled the oval out of the air and crashed through the opposition and over the line for the touchdown. Narrance again kicked goal. Score: Alma 14, M. A. C. 7.

Following Alma's second touchdown came the hardest fighting of the game, which threatened for a time to wear the Alma team and return the Farmers winners of the game. The Aggies carried the ball down the field, and well into Alma territory, Alma held and forced a punt. Alma returned the kick, and the Aggies came pounding on down the field towards the Alma goal, line smashing playing the greatest part of the Aggie gains. Clear inside of the ten yard line in front of the Alma goal went the pounding Farmer team. Then the Maroon and Cream braved, and became a veritable stone wall, which the Farmers could not plow through, and they were held for downs. Alma punted and soon held the Aggies for downs and seemed in a fair way towards a third touchdown, when Helmer was taken to the sidelines. This brought the Alma open play to a stop, but Alma continued her slashing attack. The Aggie line, for a few downs and then would punt. This carrying the ball back, were down the Aggies, and they could not punch through the Alma team once the ball got into Alma territory. Barring a fluke or fumble it would have been impossible for the Farmers to score. They simply could not get through the Alma defense when yardage was needed.

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## CONKLIN IN TROUBLE

Fined Twenty-five Dollars For Breaking Man's Nose

Floyd Conklin, better known here as "Curley" Conklin, was hauled into court Monday following a mixup early Sunday morning, when he rapped Howard Whitecock on the nose, breaking it from the force of the blow. It cost him a fine of \$25.00 with costs of \$5.75.

Conklin went to the rooms over Proud's department store, and it is said that he called Whitecock to the door and that when Whitecock appeared Conklin started his rough-house work.

It is said that Conklin claimed to have been following a couple of girls who went upstairs, but the officers are inclined to doubt the story which Conklin told, to this extent at least.

## TOBACCO FUND OF RECORD GROWING

Big Dance Being Held at Masonic Home to Raise Money For the Tobacco Fund.

though announced just last week the Alma Record tobacco fund is creating considerable comment, and more than that is bringing in the dollars for the smokers which will go to our Sammys in France, who are braving the terrors of war for Democracy. It gives a fine indication that the people of this city are alive to the needs of the soldiers and that Alma intends to do all that she can to supply these needs, and relieve the hardships of the Sammys just as much as possible, making them a more contented and more efficient bunch of fighters.

One of the most pleasing things of the week in connection with the Alma Record Tobacco Fund was the Military dance, which was gotten up for the sole purpose of aiding in this work. A number of the business men of the city got behind the affair and boosted it to the limit to make it a success. Through the efforts of the business men the Goodfellow Jazz Orchestra donated its services for the dance, which is being held tonight. Tickets for the dance were supplied by the Alma Journal, while the large posters and bills came from the presses of the Alma Record. The dance hall at the Masonic home was donated by Superintendent Montague for the worthy cause, as was everything else that was needed to make the affair a brilliant success.

A large number of tickets were sold, and it is expected that a fine sum will be realized to add to the amount which has already been raised for the Alma Record tobacco fund.

When one stops and considers the wonderful soothing qualities of tobacco, he can then appreciate what it must mean to the nerve-racked soldiers of Uncle Sam, who will be facing tortures in the great European war. It should make everyone want to donate at least twenty-five cents the price of one of the smoking kits for the Sammys.

Following is the list of subscriptions to the Alma Record Tobacco fund up to Wednesday night, but not including tickets sales for the dance held tonight:

Ed. M. Huss, Alma	50
S. Messinger, Alma	50
A. R. Wheeler, St. Louis	1.00
Dr. Ludlum, St. Louis	1.00
Dr. Carney, Alma	1.00
W. G. West, St. Louis	25
J. F. Suydam, Alma	25
I. L. Curtis, Alma	25
Ray Quinn, St. Louis	50
F. E. Pollasky, Alma	50
W. I. Amstutz, Alma	50
Oscar Vibber, Alma	25
Ralph Goggin, Alma	25
D. E. T. Lamb, Alma	1.00
Dr. W. J. Hodges, Alma	25
Ira H. McKinney, Alma	50
W. L. Thomas, Alma	25
Joseph Thomas, Alma	25
S. L. Bennett, Alma	25
Crystal Herron, Alma	25
E. N. Chadwick, Alma	25
Dr. Pringle, Alma	25
C. E. Benedict, Alma	25
Harry Gerber, Alma	25
Harry Willard, Alma	25
W. Knudson, Alma	25
Geo. W. Smith, Alma	50
Total	\$11.75

## ROBBERY ATTEMPTED

Officers Fail Attempt of Three Men Sunday Night

Night officers Plunkert and Shinnel gave three men a merry chase Sunday night, when they tried to break into the Wilbur pool room, but the men after several shots had been fired at them, succeeded in getting away and have not been located.

When first discovered by the officers the three men were endeavoring to gain an entrance to the pool room through the window which had been broken during the raid on the previous night.

The men saw the officers coming and beat a hasty retreat, and in the darkness succeeded in getting away. It was later found that the broken pieces of glass in the window sash had been carefully picked away so that the men might gain an entrance to the pool room, without cutting themselves on the edges of the broken window pane.



## From Governor Sleeper's Proclamation of October 4, 1917.

"Michigan's sons are going forth to defend the nation. Michigan must stand as one man behind them and provide a full share of whatever financial support may be required. Nothing must be left undone, no matter what the cost, to win this war and win it speedily. Let us not do half-heartedly the part that may be ours in the conflict, but let us ourselves and whatever we may have to the cause of humanity that the clenched hand of an outraged civilization may strike not only heavily but quickly."

"I further designate the fifteenth day of October as Patriotic Day. On this day, or the evening thereof, let a meeting be held in every school house in Michigan, with a program suitable to the occasion, the children participating, and let careful consideration be given to the progress of the work and its further promotion."

## Great School Meeting for Liberty Loan Monday Night

Monday evening, October 15th, has been designated by Governor Sleeper of Michigan as an evening for school meetings all over the state in behalf of the Second Liberty Loan, and the city of Alma is making great preparations for a rousing meeting to be held in the high school auditorium in behalf of the great loan, which is to go towards the gigantic fund which is being raised to use in defeating Kaiserism.

The meeting which is to be held here promises to be of unusual interest in that the Republic band will give a number of selections. It will be the first appearance of the famous Republic band from its country wide tour this summer, which took this wonderful organization into nearly every state in the Union. Patriotic pieces will be the ones which will be rendered by the Republic band.

Good speakers will have the center of the stage in the auditorium, during the evening, speakers, who have reputations as such, and who never fail to interest their audiences.

Superintendent of Schools A. F. Schultz will act as chairman of the school meeting, and will introduce the speakers of the evening. Among these will be President Harry Means Crooks, D. D., of Alma college and L. A. Sharp, both well known Alma graduates. Frank C. Gee of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago will be another speaker and he will explain the Second Liberty loan bonds to the audience.

The meetings are being held statewide in order that a great interest may be aroused in the Second Liberty loan bonds, which will cause the people to come to the front and subscribe heavily to the funds which the government is in need of to carry the war to

Victorious conclusion. The people of Alma are not only invited to come, but are urged to be present whether interested in the bond or not. If not interested, it is the intention to get them interested, and they will be after listening to the able speakers who will address the meeting.

Francis King, chairman of the county Liberty loan bond committee and Mr. L. A. Sharp, who has charge of affairs in Alma, are very anxious to see Alma come to the front on the Second Liberty loan bonds. If the county is to subscribe its quota of \$450,000.00, it is up to the city of Alma and its people to come across heavily.

The meeting Monday evening will be called at 8:00 p. m., and all of the business men of the city are urged to get their stores in shape so that they may be able to attend, along with the other people of the city.

## HILLSDALE SATURDAY

Strong Baptist Eleven to Meet Alma College Gridders

A hard game is being looked for by the Alma college football team which plays Hillsdale college on Davis field Saturday afternoon in the opening M. I. A. A. game of the season. The Hillsdale eleven will come to Alma with a veteran team and in the past few years has been so much in the limelight in the M. I. A. A. football scrap as to cause worry among the college fans who are looking for a hard game.

Coach Harry Helmer's cohorts came through the M. A. C. game in good shape and are ready for a grueling battle with the Hillsdale eleven. The game is called for 3:00 p. m. Saturday.

## BRIDGE NOW OPEN

The State street bridge across Pine River, which has been closed for about two months, is again open for public travel.

The bridge was recently ordered repaired by the city council and workers have been busy for the past two weeks in rebuilding the bridge from the water up. It has been constructed of good timber, and has an estimated life of about seven years.

It is expected that long before that time that a far better structure will be constructed to replace this wooden bridge over the Pine.

Advertise in the Record.

## GETS POSITION

Eph Johnson, Alma College Star, is Now Normal Athletic Director.

The Mt. Pleasant Normal school is rather partial to Alma college stars for coaches, judging from the actions taken in securing the services of Eph Johnson, one of the greatest football stars that ever wore a maroon and cream suit.

Johnson was secured by the Normal last Friday as coach of the football and basketball teams of the Central Normal, and the Record is of the opinion that the athletic teams in these two branches of sport at the Normal are bound to come to the front, as Johnson is a scrapper from start to finish.

Johnson played four years of college football here and has been rated as the best player that ever wore an Alma suit. He was mentioned by Walter Edersall in 1912, when this expert picked his All-Western eleven, which is some honor for a man on a small college team.

## LOSE TO MT. PLEASANT

The Alma college scrubs, minus several good men, whom Helmer wanted to take to M. A. C., played the Mt. Pleasant high school Friday at Mt. Pleasant, and gave the prep school lads a hard game, but finally lost by a score of 6 to 9. The team was badly broken up by the loss of the men who were to make the M. A. C. trip, but put up a good scrap.

## COAL SCARCE

Local Dealers Refused Orders the First of the Week.

The city of Alma may feel the pang of a coal shortage this winter if the present is to be taken as an indication of what is to come later.

On Tuesday coal dealers of Alma were refusing orders, owing to not having coal enough to fill orders on hand. In one case a local dealer was refusing orders because he had more orders on hand than he could fill in ten days. He had coal left over from orders, but the others did not expect to have enough to fill the orders which they had on file at the time.

Unless something is done in a hurry it is almost a certainty that Alma and the other places of Michigan will be placed for coal before winter has fairly started.

## GERMAN HORRORS

### UNDER SPOTLIGHT

Newell Dewight Hillis in Detroit  
Fayed Germans Unmercifully  
and Boosted Liberty Loan.

An appeal startling as it was strong, was made to the people of Detroit Monday evening by that famous pastor, Newell Dewight Hillis, and there is little question, but what Detroit will ever subscribe her Liberty loan quota, after listening to the stories of German atrocities.

Threatened by German spies with death if he did not stop such lectures, which contain wonderful appeals to America, Dr. Hillis boldly defied them, giving his great lecture in Detroit. Hillis has gathered his facts from first hand, having been in portions of war-stricken Belgium and France, where few other men had been. He knew whereof he was talking, and many of the cases given by him as fine examples of German terror and torture, are supported by affidavits.

In part this great lecturer said: "It is like one vast desolation, like the trackway of a southwestern tornado. It is like Chicago, after her fire, Lisbon after her tidal wave, Pompeii disintegrated from her ashes."

Digests have been made of more than 10,000 separate atrocities. Ninety thousand more cases remain to be digested and are in the process of arrangement.

There are half a million registered little children, the children of women whom the Germans have captured and whom they have forced to serve them for weeks and weeks. I know that when Americans understand this they will say, 'To the last dollar, to the last man, we shall hold a shield above these girls.'

"If you think I exaggerate look at that," he said holding up a photograph. "In one village the Germans were mad because there were no young men to be slain, so they brought out the men from 50 to 60 years of age—and murdered them. There they lie."

Then came the story of the greatest horror of all. The impure Germans are not allowed with the camp women. They must capture a French or Belgian maid. He implants the malady in the girl, and so that other German soldiers may know that she is impure, he marks her by cutting off her breast.

Story after story of German atrocities such as these were told by Newell Dewight Hillis, story of outrage after outrage was poured into the ears of the great audience of five thousand people.

It might happen elsewhere. American dollars invested in Liberty loan bonds is the one sure cure for German atrocities. Buy yours today. Aid our country in bringing the war to a close, defeating Kaiserism and bringing such vile deeds to an end.

Your money cannot possibly do more good to a greater number of people than it can invested in Liberty bonds of the Second issue. Buy one before night—do your bit to stop such barbarous, outrageous acts, as those told by Newell Dewight Hillis.

## GOOD POSITION

E. J. Wagner is Manager Washington County Gas Company in Tennessee.

E. J. Wagner, for the past year local manager of the Gratiot County Gas Company, left this morning for Johnson City, Tennessee, where he becomes manager of the Washington County Gas Company. He has also acquired an interest in the plant in the southern state.

E. J. Wagner has been here for just a year and during this time has proven himself a highly capable manager, and has won for himself a large host of friends, who regret to see him leave Alma, but who are nevertheless glad to see him secure this new position.

Mr. Wagner is having a rapid rise in the gas business. Starting as a bookkeeper for a small plant in Iowa, he was soon transferred to Ames, Iowa, where he was made local manager. After a short time there he was given a better position by being made manager here, and his new position, still better than the one here, is a further rise for this hunting young man.

R. B. Wagner, who has been the traveling manager of the plants at Waycross, Georgia; Johnston City, Tennessee and Alma, has taken over the management of the Gratiot County Gas Company here.

## OFFICERS MADE POOLROOM RAID

Poker Joint Uncovered in Back Room of William Wilbur's Billiard Hall.

## COUNCIL REVOKED LICENSE

Wilbur Arrested and Bound Over to Circuit Court at His Hearing Tuesday.

Don't touch those chips or that money, is said to have been the words that caused so much consternation among a small and select group of poker players at a late hour Saturday night, and caused the several well known players to gasp with surprise, and jump hurriedly to their feet to confront Mayor Ira H. McKinney, chief of police Oscar Vibber and the other members of a raiding force which descended upon Wilbur's pool room, and caught them in the act, so to speak.

It sure was some surprise party and your humble staff man is exceedingly sorry that he was not there camera in hand, so as to be able to furnish a picture of those several faces, depicting surprise, fear and sorrow all at one time.

Rumors of poker playing, etc., had been floating around for sometime and late Saturday night word went forth that a game was on in the little back room of the Wilbur pool room, which is shut off entirely from the front part of the place, used as a pool room. A door from the pool room gives entrance to this little room, which has a window high up, looking out into the alley back of the Wright House. It is a nice little room, just the right kind of a place to stage such little gatherings as the one which was there Saturday night playing just a little so-called game of poker, which had no limit, except the limit of the various pocket books, it is said.

Mayor McKinney was notified and he in company with Chief of Police Oscar Vibber ran a little surprise party. Vibber stationed himself at the front door of the pool room in the basement of the Wright House with one of the night officers. McKinney and another of the night men went around to the window which looks out over the alley.

Reaching this window, McKinney kicked it in, and lo and behold a wonderful scene was unfolded before his eyes—a table surrounded by several young men of the city, all of them holding cards. On the table were chips and even money, carelessly left there by these young men, who had absolutely no thought that the fire-works were coming off. McKinney, Vibber and the officers rounded up the young men in a hurry.

Justice Stone was called upon and statements were secured from one and all. William Wilbur, who runs the pool room, admitted that poker had been played there off and on for a year, it is said, when he made his statement.

One young man of this city, rather well known to most of the people of Alma, is said to have made the statement that he had lost over fifteen hundred dollars playing poker there in the last three years.

He is a young man who cannot afford such losses, yet given the opportunity he has continued to play, and continued to lose, if this report is true. It is for such as he that pool rooms and gambling joints must be raided, that they may be protected from that which they cannot resist.

Wilbur was placed under arrest the charge being made under the state law covering gambling. His hearing was held in Justice Stone's court Tuesday and he was bound over to circuit court for trial. It is understood that he will enter a plea of guilty.

It is reported that Wilbur had been warned several times that poker playing must cease.

At a council meeting Monday night the license under which Wilbur had been operating his pool room was revoked by the council without a debating vote.

Orders went out Tuesday that all card playing in the city, which purloins of the nature of gambling must cease at once, and at the same time the faces of all penny machines were ordered turned to the wall.

## REFUSE JOB

Postmen Refuse Carriers Job at Alma Postoffice

Postmaster V. P. Cash believes that times are very good in Alma, so good in fact that he has been unable to get a man for an eight hundred dollar position which is still begging for a man to hold it down.

Recently the postoffice was allowed a new carrier, whose salary for the first year will be eight hundred dollars. Several eligibles have refused the office, and Postmaster Cash endeavored to get a man from Cadillac and then to get one from Mt. Pleasant, but his efforts to secure a carrier at the allotted salary have so far failed.

Circulation counts—we have it.